

Kwanzaa Flash Cards Instructions

MATERIALS

- Scissors or cutting tool
- Printing paper
- Printer
- Treats or stickers



SUPPLIES INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Cutting with scissors or any cutting tool intended for grown-ups only.

- 1 Print a set of flash cards for each child.
- 2 Cut out and mark the back of each card in the set with the child's initials.
- 3 Print one set for the grown-up leader.
- 4 Print the poster with images of each item.
- 5 Have stickers or treats on hand to use as rewards.

GAME INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Distribute a set of cards to each child.
- 2 The poster should be laid flat on the floor or on a table.
- 3 The leader holds up a card and says this is called a "Mkeka" and explains its use.
- 4 The leader then points to a child and asks, "Can you place the Mkeka card on the same picture? Can you say 'Mkeka'?"
- 5 At the end of the game, the child with the most correct cards (check the initials on the back) is declared the winner. All children should receive a treat.
- 6 The game can be made more difficult by asking the child to supply the meaning or by playing against a timer.

CARD NAMES

MAZAO (mah-ZAH-oh)

CROPS- These crops honor harvest festivals of the past and celebrate the fruits of community labor.

MKEKA (muh-KAY-kah)

A STRAW MAT - The straw mat represents the foundation on which traditions and communities are built.

KINARA (kee-NAR-ah)

THE CANDLE HOLDER- The candle holder represents the roots from which life flows.

MUHINDI (moo-HEEN-dee)

EARS OF CORN- Traditionally there is one ear of corn to represent each child in the house. Children symbolize the hope for the future.

MISHUMAA (mee-SHOO-mah)

THE SEVEN CANDLES- The seven candles represent the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, values which African communities are encouraged to live by.

KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA (kee-COMB-bay chah oo-MOW-jah)

THE CUP OF UNITY- Everyone at the feast will sip from the cup to symbolize unity. Prior to taking a sip, participants may say "Harambee"! (Let's pull together!)

ZAWADI (zah-WAH-dee)

GIFTS- Kwanzaa gifts represent the love of parents and commitments made by children. Traditionally these gifts are handmade and enriching.

KARAMU (kah-RAH-moo)

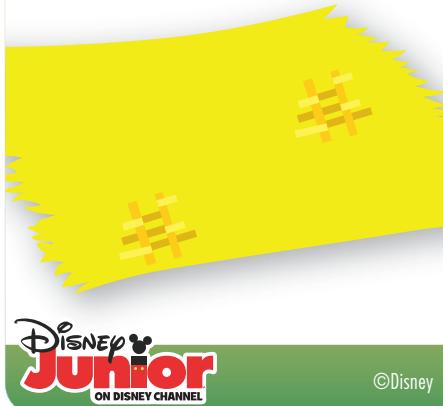
THE FEAST OF KWANZAA- This feast celebrates the accomplishments of the entire community with food, dancing, music, and laughter. It is held on the evening of December 31.

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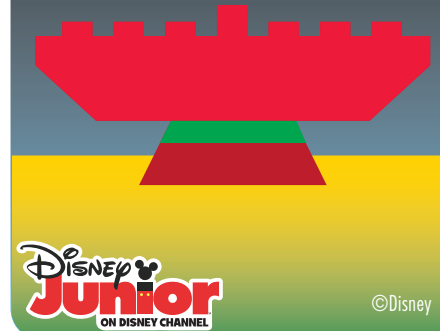
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Crops**



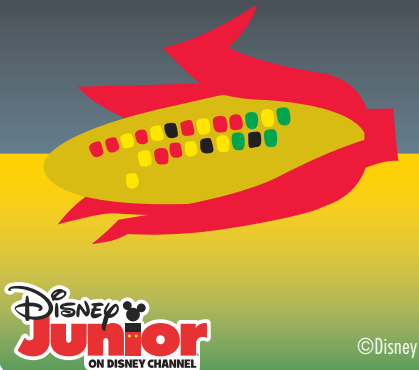
**Mkeka
Straw mat**



**Kinara
Candle holder**



**Muhindi
Corn**



**Mishumaa
Seven candles**



**Kikombe
Cha Umoja
Cup of Unity**

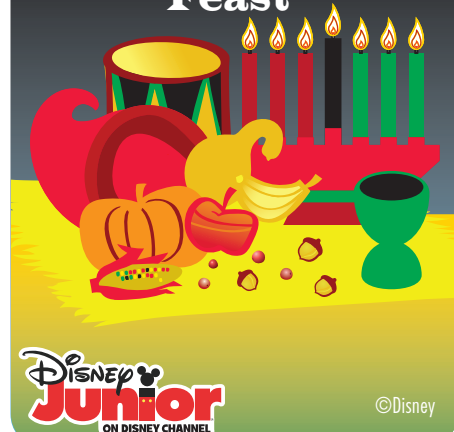


• Please have a grown-up cut along the dotted line.

**Zawadi
Gifts**



**Karamu
Feast**

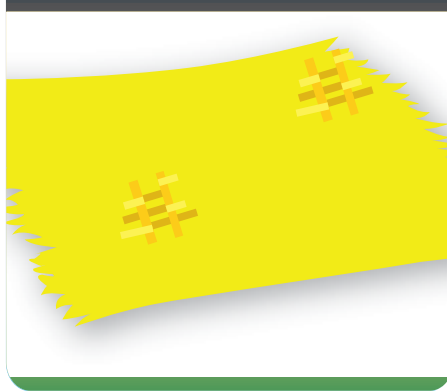


Kwanzaa Poster

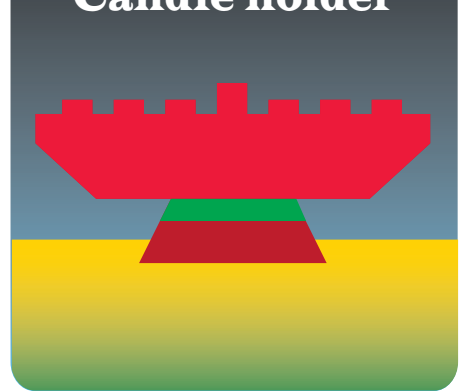
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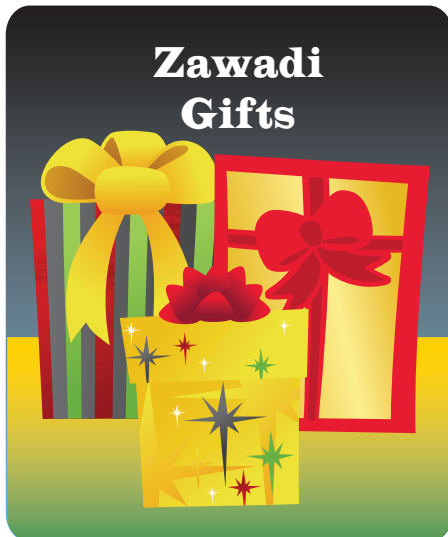
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